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## **VIA FACSIMILE**

Lester Snow Executive Director CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 - 9th Street, Suite 1155 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Water Development Management Team

Dear Lester:

I have thought a bit more about our discussion yesterday. I believe that it is important that I be added, on behalf of GCID, to the Water Management Development Team ("WMDT").

As I noted when we spoke, I believe that there needs to be additional Northern California representation and, while I appreciate the fact that you may add a Yuba County representative, I believe it important that GCID also be represented. As you are aware, GCID has extensive senior water rights on the Sacramento River. In addition, its settlement contracts with the United States constitute approximately 30% of the entire amount of project water under contract with settlement contractors and approximately 40% of the entire base settlement contract water rights. Proceeding without the direct involvement of GCID in the critical EWA/ISI discussions is simply not realistic or practical if CALFED expects to obtain any EWA water from the Sacramento River.

Also, as we discussed, it is important that there be Northern California representation on the Coordination Team. I believe that GCID would be willing to assist in filling this important role.

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I will call you later this week to discuss the matter further. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours

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